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**■ TERRY FOX RUNS**  
**Best feet**  
**put forward**  
**to end cancer**

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InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Terry Fox was only 18 when he was diagnosed with bone cancer and later forced to have his right leg amputated just above the knee.

Even though he has been affected by the horrible disease, Terry would go on to run more than 5,373 kilometres across Canada over the course of 143 days.

He did it for others.



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Port Colborne Terry Fox Run organizer Nancy Salvage has her head shaved by Rolly LeBlanc to raise cancer research funds.

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## ■ RUN

# More than 100 participate

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When he was in the hospital, Fox was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, he decided to run across to raise money for cancer research.

Although he didn't finish his Marathon of Hope, millions of people continue that journey for him more than 30 years later.

A cool chill floating off the water and into H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park couldn't dampen the spirit of a more than 100 people who came to walk, run and tide in Port Colborne's Terry Fox Run Sunday afternoon.

Participants had the option of entering the one-, three- or five-kilometre routes set up in the park and through the residential and downtown area of the city.

Kim Videcak participated on her bicycle with her husband, children and a small group of friends.

She and her family decided to come out and support the event because some of her family members, and friends of friends have dealt with cancer in some form.

"So many people are affected," she said.

"It's important to support cancer research because even a little helps."

Run organizer Nancy Salvage wasn't sure of the total amount raised from the



**Pictured from left, James Ortiz, 5; Alex Boom, 5; Isabelle Boom, 7; Tessa Ventresca, 7; and Rachel Addario take a rest after walking in the Terry Fox Run at Merritt Island in Weland Sunday afternoon.**

**SARAH FERGUSON** Staff photo

event, but she said the day was a great turnout, although a final dollar figure wasn't immediately known.

"I couldn't have asked for anything better," she said.

About 16 people volunteered to shave their heads for cancer before the run got underway at 2 p.m.

In Weland, organizer Shannon Bisson was pleased

with how the laid-back Terry Fox Run on Merritt Island went.

About 50 people participated, raising about \$6,000 in pledges and donations.

Even though the crowd was small, Bisson said she wasn't surprised the Weland event raised a hefty sum for the Terry Fox Foundation.

"It's been a really great day.

It's not too hot, and it's not too cool. A lot of people are having fun."

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## ■ PUBLIC SAFETY: Aldermen to approve new bylaw this month

# Wainfleet to start fire inspections

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**WAINFLEET** — Inspections of schools, recreation centres, restaurants, factories, businesses, motels and nursing homes will soon be carried out by Wainfleet Fire and Emergency Services.

"I don't know how many inspections that will entail," said Harry Flagg, who served in the volunteer ranks before

becoming the township's fire chief in late 2011.

"We've never done inspections before unless there was some sort of complaint."

Inspections came up during a fire prevention policy bylaw — to establish a fire prevention and public education program — presented to Wainfleet council on Tuesday night, when it passed first and second readings.



**Flagg**

directed from the Office of the Fire Marshal," Flagg said.

It will be back before council on Tuesday, Sept. 24, for the third and final reading.

"We have to move forward, this is being

This past year, he said, Wainfleet restaurants were inspected after a couple of complaints were received.

"The complaints opened the door for us to inspect all of them ... we figured if there were problems in a couple of places, we had better check the rest."

Flagg said volunteers have been conducting voluntary home inspections for smoke

alarms, which are required by law to be on every level of a home and outside of every sleeping area.

Those inspections are only carried out on practice nights, although the chief said there is a volunteer firefighter willing to go out on other nights as well.

Mayor April Jeffs said council wondered whether a fire prevention officer would be needed to carry out the

other inspections, to which Flagg replied no, that he will manage.

The mayor said he understands some people may not like the bylaw, but it is mandatory under the provincial fire code.

"It's being more proactive versus reactive ... it's far better to prevent things," she said.

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■ **PEOPLE:** Former school board trustee called to the bench in Windsor

# Ronald Marion moves to the judges chambers

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WELLAND — Ronald Marion has been practising law in Welland for more than 30 years.

Marion, 64, has also been an active member of the community having chaired the Ontario School Trustees Council, l'Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario, as well as conseil scolaire Viamonde since its inception in 1998.

He has been a school trustee as well as chair of the former Niagara South Board of Education, and has been chair of the Legal Advisory Committee to Niagara Child and Youth Services.

At the end of October, he'll be packing his bags and moving to Windsor to take the judge's bench. Effective since Aug. 21, Marion was appointed as a justice to the Ontario Court of Justice.



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo  
Ronald Marion

sidering retirement. Have you thought about retiring?

At: "I certainly think first of all I'm not prepared to be at that point. I'm very active and want to stay active and working for as long as I can. I'm just not the type to not work."

"I would suspect that maybe some people are just going to want to continue to be active in their professions. Lawyers do typically stay active beyond retirement age."

Q: Working as a lawyer, raising a family with four daughters, how did you find time to be involved as a trustee for the school boards you were involved with?

At: "There's a saying, if you want something done, give it to a busy person. I learned to be able to function with a lot on my plate. I was very well organized."

Q: Why did you get involved with education?

At: "I've been a school board trustee for 35 years. When I got to Welland, I decided, I've always been interested in education and youth, so obviously one of the ways to make a contribution to the next generation is to head into that area. So I got elected in 1978 and have been elected ever since."

Q: In between working as a lawyer and a school board trustee, did you ever find time to sleep?

At: "I found time to sleep. I

had a lot of experience. This could not have been done by someone who didn't have a lot of experience."

Q: You also found time to coach your daughters' basketball teams?

At: "I coached them on rep teams as well as their school teams. I coached them for four years in high school (Confederation). We won back-to-back SOSSA and OFSSAA titles in 2009 and 2010."

Q: What did you enjoy about coaching?

At: "I was very involved with my girls. I enjoyed coaching basketball. I also coached their soccer teams as well."

Q: Which sport did you prefer to coach — soccer, or basketball?

At: "Basketball. As a coach you have more of a capacity to affect the game during basketball, call for timeouts, bring people off the floor, other people in. As game goes along,

you can change offence, defence and impact it more."

Q: What will you miss about the Rose City?

At: "Obviously I'm going to miss this community, it's my adopted city. I'm going to be in a new environment and meet new people."

Q: What do you think most people don't realize about the city of Welland?

At: "I think it's a great place to raise your family. It's multicultural in nature, you get your children learn a little more, they get a little multicultural exposure and get more of a sense of a global community. It's enriching for sure."

Q: With packing, selling your house and moving, what do you find the most frustrating about the process?

At: "Stuff. You've collected so much stuff because you had space so you kept it and it hasn't served any utility for a long time but you still have it."

Q: Do you have any advice for youth aspiring to join the law profession?

At: "If they're thinking of moving on to law school... they should always opt for things that broaden their perspective and make choices that give them the most options. Flexibility as you go forward, especially in our society. Never burn the bridges behind you and if you can learn three languages, learn three languages, because it is so beneficial as you move forward."

Q: Any parting words for the community of Welland?

At: "What I would say to people, when I got involved with the community, as a trustee, and a lawyer, I was 100% committed. When I was coaching, I was committed, that's for sure. Although I'm leaving Welland and going elsewhere, I'm not going to forget my experience here, which has been a big part of my life."

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## ■ ourview

## Canada's Robin Hood redistribution program

"Stop the war on the poor, make the rich pay," this is one of the most common refrains of the social justice protest movement. Anytime the rent-a-mob protests throughout, this line will no doubt be heard at some point throughout the festivities.

A bit of a head-scratcher. Seeing as common sense suggests the rich already do pay. Don't they already pay a whole whack of taxes? Isn't that the whole concept behind our tiered tax levels?

Yep. And the latest installment of the National Household Survey from Statistics Canada that looks at income distribution just confirms it. The top 10% of earners received 28.1% of the income in 2010. For those who think that's unfair, take a look at the next indicator: That top earning group paid out 42.1% of the nation's income tax.

Then there's this nugget: "Looking at both income tax and government transfers, collectively, people in the bottom half of the income distribution received more in government transfers than they paid in income taxes overall." So our tax system already does a pretty solid job of taking from the rich and giving to the poor. Hello Robin Hood.

Here's how it breaks down. Total Canadian income was \$1.1 trillion in 2010.

Of this, 12.4% came from government transfers. Meaning the government shuffled around \$136 billion that year, from one group to another. Seventy percent of Canadians received some form of government transfer.

That's a lot.

But remember that includes tax credits. Not all of those people are on the dole.

In fact, only 13% received government transfers as their only income source.

That's still a shame. Not just because everyone else is shelling out for this. But because these people clearly aren't living up to their potential.

A caring society should lend a hand. We're glad we already do. But when it comes to "doing more," I don't pretend that just upping the government transfers is the way to do it. Our society is redistributionist enough. If there's a way to ban anyone, let's be honest, it's a war on the makers.

Instead of going the socialist route, let's do more by boosting our economy.

By creating opportunities. So we can all move forward together.

# The Inverness car: it's here!

So I'm reading this newspaper article on how a fleet of amazing driverless cars will be ready to take to North American roads in less than four years. That's right, well before the end of this decade you will be motorizing down the highway in a car using its own operational system with reflexes and road etiquette that are way better than yours.

Driverless cars are equipped with sensors, radar, GPS systems, Google mapping, stereo cameras, accelerometers, gyroscopes, algorithmic equations and two drink holders — one for the passenger and one for the guy who's not driving the car. Self-driving test vehicles are already legal on the roads of Nevada and California. We may not have gotten that "flying car" they promised us decades ago but the "van with no man" is coming at us like a runaway train.

As for the car, a driving Toyota Prius has already logged 483,000 kilometres without a single accident. That's a fine as long as Google's working. However, on the day "This Page Is Not Available" pops up on search sites, every car in North America will immediately crash into each other. It'll look like the roads in Russia on Vodka Appreciation Day, or China every day. Normally I would be against a robot driving my car but seriously, if it gets rid of my backseat driver, I'm all for it. However, if that genius Prius thinks for one minute it's going to select the toons, I'll be forced to put a Club lock on its steering wheel.

So just to be clear, if you're driving in the States and you come up beside a van with a bunch of guys drinking beer and eating pizza in the back, that's not a self-driving vehicle. That's a Buffalo Bills tailgate party in motor mode.

Still, questions about the self-driving vehicles remain. For instance, could you nap in the backseat while your car drives



**WILLIAM THOMAS**

HUMOUR

you home from work? Could you pre-program the itinerary so that instead of going to London, Ont., for the day you in fact send the in-laws to Terra de Fuego, Chile? If your autonomous car refuses to follow your instructions and dismisses you as a "stupid human" is there a button you can push to blow it up? Could oversized car seats be installed in the back for guys to sit there looking at the scenery and playing I Spy because I think that would be a really cool way to travel? If you do get into an accident, would you be obligated to go to court and testify against your own car? At Tim Hortons drive-thru would your driverless car have to remind the server to stir the coffee and cut the bagel completely in half?

And of course the question that has plagued men for 25 years — while watching a movie curled up on the backseat going 65 m.p.h. down the highway sucking on a Surper could you actually take another movie on another channel at the same time?

If, as scientists claim, that humans will one day have cars with robots — and we all know how much men love their cars — well, do you think self-driving cars will one day be able to reproduce? Not giving birth to full-size vehicles obviously, but maybe little go-carts or hybrid bumper cars?

As I'm reading about all these incredible features that the futuristic self-driving vehicle will have and I thought: Hey! Wait! Just a New Yorker minute. My brother-in-law Danny already has one of those. In fact, just the other day we were sitting in his brand new Toyota Rav4 and Dan was

showing me how he could watch his car move on the dashboard screen with sensors that show how close he was getting to the curb and a brightly coloured graph that shows him how much fuel he has in the tank and how many kilometres he can go before he runs out and the "blue tooth" voice-activated communications system that serves as a cellphone and the album covers that pop up on the screen to indicate the song, the artist and some of the words and the two-way talkie GPS and the memory stick that gives you unlimited prerecorded CDs and ... and all of this would have been fine if we had been sitting in his car, idling in the driveway.

Unfortunately, we were travelling at a speed of 100 km/h down Hwy. 5 between Buffalo and Dunkirk, N.Y., as oncoming cars were taking to the shoulder and drivers — yes, those cars had drivers — were gesticulating and flashing us the finger or pointing aggressively to our side of the road where we would normally be if Dan had not been completely absorbed by all the new, flashy gadgets on a dashboard that look more like the instrument panel of a 747 passenger jet.

At one point I yelled: "The car, Dan! You have to steer the car, too!" Yeah, my brother-in-law Dan has a driverless car mainly because he's so completely absorbed with all the bells and whistles on his new car that he forgets to steer and wear the pedals. That locomotive motor like a man with a brand new shiny toy is not designated as a distracted driver even before he gets the damn thing off the lot!

In four years, when the real driverless cars become available, the automobile industry would be wise to give one to my brother-in-law for free. It would be better to have everybody on the road, particularly a few hundred Western New York drivers who failed to make it to the nearest rest stop.

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## ■ readers' views

### Heart-safe community is a healthier community

According to research and statistics from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada there are approximately 40,000 cardiac deaths in Canada each year.

Without early CPR (Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation) an individual's chances of surviving decrease by nearly 10 per cent each minute that goes by. Many lives could be saved by increasing the number of people trained

in CPR and have rapid access to automated external defibrillators (AED's).

Niagara Emergency Medical Services has a role in improving the survival rate of cardiac patients and have formed partnerships with many outside agencies such as Heart Niagara, Pedal Angels, local fire departments and others to help increase awareness of cardiac diseases and arrests and to train people of all ages in the skills of CPR and the use of AED's.

An AED (automated external defibrillator) is a small, portable device used

to identify cardiac rhythms and deliver a shock to correct abnormal electrical activity in the heart.

The user is color-coded and will guide the operators on what to do each step of the way. Training needed is minimal and simple and is now included in all CPR courses.

The use of AED's combined with CPR training can make the difference between life and death for people suffering sudden cardiac arrest.

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## ■ LETTERS

# EMS supports AED units

FROM PAGE 4

Niagara EMS supports the Heart and Stroke Foundation's recommendation that AED units be placed in all public places where there is a large gathering of people at one time. For information on how to learn CPR and the use of an AED, Niagara Emergency Medical Services encourages you to contact Heart Niagara, Pedal Angels, Red Cross or St John's Ambulance.

Chief Kevin Smith  
Niagara Emergency Medical Services

## AED's will save lives

It was discouraging to read Bernie Cusack's negative outlook on Wainfleet's plans to install AEDs throughout the township (letter, September 6).

It is an indisputable fact

that Automatic External Defibrillators have saved many lives throughout the world and will continue to do so.

Mr. Cusack seems concerned that one may have a heart attack when these devices are inaccessible, but that's not the point.

Of course the first action is to call 911 and then if you are fortunate enough to have an AED nearby, you use it.

Instructions are included with the devices and we can also push for high school health classes to teach students how to use them.

The biggest misconception he has is that "our tax dollars" fund this project. Not one penny of taxpayer money is used for this.

The Niagara Emergency Medical Services Pedal Angels are a group of dedicated paramedics who along with their

Wainfleet community partners raised over \$29,000 for the project.

Paramedic Danny Kerr has organized training sessions for about 100 local residents from the 10 AED locations in Wainfleet.

It is quite likely that sometime in the future, the lives of some Wainfleet residents will be saved by this project. I would ask Mr. Cusack whether it isn't worth the effort even if it turns out that it's only one life that is saved.

If Mr. Cusack or anyone else wants to volunteer to help end deaths from heart and stroke, contact the Niagara District Office of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario at 905-938-8800.

David Fowler  
Wainfleet

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■ **ROWING:** Port High uses field trip to introduce Grade 9 students to each other

# All in the same boat

BERND FRANKE  
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Mother Nature didn't read the memo about the Port High's first field trip of the new school year for Grade 9 students.

While the 130 students hasked in bright sunshine and temperatures that brought back recent memories of a day spent at the beach, they could have done without high winds last week.

Instead of figuratively getting their feet wet during an introduction excursion to the South Niagara Rowing Club's Great Dain course, their time in the boats was limited to learning how to keep their balance alongside the dock.

Normally, the water on a straight-arrow course partially sheltered by high banks along the former Welland Canal is glass-

like in its calmness.

But Tuesday was a normal day, with a sudden surge in temperature in the upper atmosphere swirling up the wind below.

"When that happens, watch out," said Ron (Swede) Burak, the rowing club's head coach and an old salt when it comes to weather and flatwater sports.

"Today, the sun is the real killer. If it was overcast, the water would be a lot calmer, and we could be out on the water."

He said the students, all but a handful with little or no rowing training, were kept on shore as a "safety precaution."

"It wouldn't be prudent to do otherwise."

The choppy water put a damper on the Grade 9 students' introduction to rowing, though not on a field trip intended to ease the transition to

a large high school from much smaller elementary schools.

After learning about water safety and rowing techniques from South Niagara coaches, they had fun playing soccer, putting up Henley-like numbers on the ergometers in the rowing club's boathouse and enjoying a barbecue.

Though Jennifer Hardy has a rowing machine at home, the 14-year-old is a landlubber at heart.

"I'm afraid of water," said Hardy, who last year attended Gainsborough School in St. Ann's.

Her trepidation wasn't eased any when a friend — a "so-called friend,"

Hardy corrected — threatened to dump her into the drink when they were at the dock balancing the boat.

Hardy didn't completely slam the door on trying out for the sport.

"Who knows, maybe I'll



BERND FRANKE Staff Photo

Nathan Gamble, left, gets tips on the proper way to grip an oar from fellow Port Colborne High School student Jazmin Kikert-Labeau at the South Niagara Rowing Club in Welland.

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come out again."

Teacher Sheila Edwards likened Tuesday's field trip for the newcomers to school to "orientation week in university."

"It gives them an opportunity to feel that not everything is academics, that there is a balance in the world."

A chance to row, albeit only along the dock, also helped the Grade 9 students appreciate they are all in the same boat when it comes to getting used to high school.

"It's also great for bonding for the first week of

school," Edwards said.

Eastdale and Jean Vanier students have also been introduced to what the rowing club has to offer novices who want to compete at the high school and club level. Burak has already made presentations at the two schools.

He said Port High was the first to visit the club for a "hands-on lesson."

"Too bad the weather didn't co-operate," he said, shaking his head at the cloudless sky.

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■ **AGRICULTURE:** Bulbs replacing fruit trees

# They're all going ga-ga for garlic

GRANT LAFLECHE  
QMI Agency Niagara

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE — For nearly as long as Jane Werner can remember, her family grew fruit on their Niagara-on-the-Lake farm. Tender fruit is what is what

Niagara farming is about after all. But times change and things that once seemed certain were cast into doubt. There was nothing wrong with the fruit on Werner's farm. There was just no where to sell it.

"Once the canneries closed

down, there wasn't a market for it. What's the point in growing all this fruit and protecting the tender fruit lands, if you have no place to sell it?" Werner said. "OK, you can go to a farmers' market, but they are everywhere and everyone is there. Your competition is all

in the same place. So you'd come back home with half a truck full."

And were it not for an odd crop growing on the fringes of the farm, Werner said she doesn't know if the family farm would survive.

But the garlic that was growing wild on the farm has sold so well, next month all the fruit will be ripped up and replaced with it.

"You have to adapt with change with the times," Werner said Saturday afternoon while selling her "candy garlic" at the second Niagara Garlic Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Originally a fringe product from the farm, the candy garlic — which got its name because it caramelizes well, not because it tastes like sweets — is now Werner's primary product. Her farm has even been renamed Niagara Garlic Glen.

"We even have neighbours who are ripping out their fruit trees and planting our garlic," she said. "In October, we'll have 50 acres."

Though not often regarded as a big money maker, garlic can be a cash crop, said Norwood, Ontario farmer Ken Best, who has selling several varieties of garlic at the festival.

"It's hardy, it doesn't perish and it's always popular," said Best, owner of Best Berry Farm, where he grows garlic after his fruit crops have been harvested.

Garlic farmers travel around southern Ontario to several garlic festivals to sell their produce, and customers are picky.

"If you were to put out a garlic and claim it is from Hungary and it's not, people can just look at it just tell you it's not," said Berry. "People are serious about their garlic."

The festival drew more than a thousand people to a Niagara Stone Rd. field where Niagara Essential Oils & Blends hosts it. It featured garlic ice cream and cooking demonstrations.

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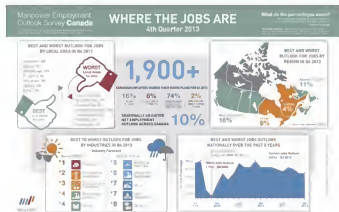
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# Hiring forecast looking sunny

**DAVE JOHNSON**  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Employers in Port Colborne and Welland expect a steady hiring climate for the last few months of the year, according to a Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

"Survey data reveals that 17% of employers plan to hire ... while 7% anticipate cutbacks," said Andrea Mancini of Manpower's St. Catharines office.

The survey showed another 76% of employers plan to maintain current staffing levels in the upcoming quarter, October through December.

Mancini said the fact that Port Colborne and Welland have a steady hiring climate is fantastic.

"With seasonal variations removed from the data, Welland-Port Colborne's fourth quarter net employment outlook of 11% is an increase of four percentage points when compared to the previous quarterly outlook," she said. "It is also a four-percentage-point change from the outlook reported during the same time last year, indicating a hopeful hiring pace for the upcoming months."

Mancini said St. Catharines, in comparison, expects a cloudy hiring climate for the last quarter, with 10% of employers planning to hire and 23% anticipating cutbacks. Sixty per cent of St. Catharines employers plan to maintain their current staffing levels, and 7% are unsure.

Michelle Knapman, manger of employment services at Port Cares in Port Colborne, said there are businesses hiring in the city, but she is unaware of any substantial hirings.

both employers and clients to find and create jobs.

"If employers have jobs to fill, they can call us."

Knapman said Port Cares will work with clients to get them into the field they work in, and can work with both clients and employers to create positions if need be. If eligible, there are financial incentives, through Employment Ontario funding, for companies to create positions.

"Since April we've developed 22 new jobs," said Knapman.

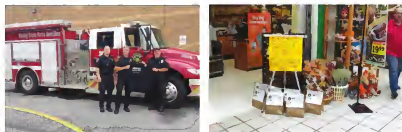


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■ **LAKESHORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: 25th anniversary**



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Lakeshore Catholic High School principal Danny DiLorenzo, left, shakes the hand of first-ever Lakeshore principal Pat Hudak.

# Gator green turns silver

SARAH FERGUSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — It seems like yesterday that Sharon Saxon-Buri stepped off the school bus and onto the sidewalk for her first day in a new school.

It was on a crisp, September morning that she was greeted by her teachers and directed to the football field and made to stand in a letter-formation for Lakeshore Catholic High School's first ever group photo.

"You could just feel the excitement right away when you got off the bus. The teachers were on the sidewalk waiting for us and next thing you knew, you were on the field with the other students spelling out the letters L and C."

Lakeshore, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a football game, a social night and mass planned for next weekend, opened September 1988 to 303 students in grades 9 and 10.

Saxon-Buri entered the school as one of the first Grade 10 students. It was nice to finally have a Catholic secondary school in her hometown. Having Lakeshore open, Saxon-Buri would no longer have travel to Welland to attend Notre Dame College School.

The students wore the same grey dress pants, green polos and white dress shirts they wear today but they were also allowed to wear Notre Dame's uniforms.

"The uniforms were grandfathered in because many of us went to Notre Dame



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Sharon Saxon-Buri's Grade 10 photo taken in 1988.

In Grade 9. Nobody made us purchase new ones."

As the school grew, Saxon-Buri experienced a lot of firsts — including being the first-ever valedictorian in the graduating class of 1991.

"It was small and intimate. Staff members had a real vision and an enthusiasm. They had something to really build right from the beginning."

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## ■ LAKESHORE



In this photo, workers prepare for the opening of Lakeshore by installing the school's sign.

File photo

# Sign up and you played on a team

FROM PAGE 10

Saxon-Burl said most of the school made up student council and the basketball, swim, volleyball and badminton teams.

"We could participate in all of those and it was very inclusive. There were no formalities and we didn't have to audition or try out for teams because there were so few of us."

The entire school was also changed with picking the school's logo and mascot — a green Gator.

The Lakeshore alumna said she enjoyed her time at the school, and believes the staff shaped her into the adult she has become today.

Lakeshore's first-ever principal, Pat Hudak, was nervous about the start of the academic year because he didn't have a key to get into the school.

"The first person in the school was the janitor. When I showed up there on Sept. 1, I had to knock on all the doors to get him to let me in."

Hudak remembered the school's early years as small but good. When assemblies were held in the auditorium, students only filled up a third of the room.

"We certainly had more classes than we needed as the school was built for over 500 students," he said.

Danny DiLorenzo, Lakeshore's principal since 2007, said the school has blossomed into a very strong tradition in Port Colborne.

He said Lakeshore is "a great school with wonderful staff and an excellent parent community."

A lot has changed since Lakeshore first opened its doors, with the school's population growing to more than 1,000 students

## PARTY TIME

**Saturday, Sept. 21**

Lakeshore vs. Saint Paul football game at 2 p.m.

Social night in The Swamp at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 22**

Sunday mass led by Bishop Gerard Bergie in the school's auditorium at 9:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the cafeteria.

For more information visit [www.lakeshorecatholic.ca](http://www.lakeshorecatholic.ca) or call 905-835-2451.

and updates to its auditorium, gymnasium and the addition of 10 portable classrooms.

A \$5.5-million renovation is in the works for the school next year, which will include adding 10 classrooms and retrofitting science labs, DiLorenzo said. Work is expected to be completed by September 2015.

Also included in the construction plans is a wall that will highlight alumni who have made a significant contribution in the community.

The expansion will provide much-needed space for the school that is bursting with students.

DiLorenzo said he is proud of Lakeshore and he's looking forward to the years to come.

"I enjoy my time at this school. When I am here, I don't think of it as work," he said.

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■ **SESQUICENTENNIAL:** A week of special events lined up at Port Colborne church

## St. James and St. Brendan celebrate 150th anniversary

SARAH FERGUSON  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Ethel Birrell doesn't feel right if she misses Sunday church services.

"If I don't get to church on Sunday, I'm all mixed up," 96-year-old Birrell said.

"I go to church because it makes me feel good. I always

feel so much better after I've been here. I think everyone does."

The parishioner has been a member of St. James and St. Brendan Anglican Church for 92 years. She is looking forward to celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary.

St. James Anglican Church found its beginnings in 1858

when the Union Church, representing the Protestant denominations of Port Colborne, was built at 55 Charlotte St.

Rev. W.E. Cooper was appointed the first Anglican minister to conduct Anglican services in the church.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

From left are St. James St. Brendan Anglican Church warden Jim Allen, 150th anniversary committee member Leslie Kennedy, Rev. Robert Hurkmans and parishioners Michelle Loeffen, her three-month old son Ethan and Ethel Birrell.



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## Week-long list of events planned

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Past forward to 2006 and the parishes of St. James and St. Brendan joined together. Rev. Robert Hurkmans has been leading services ever since.



**I may be biased, but I think we have a pretty strong church community."**

Rev. Robert Hurkmans

### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### Friday

The Three Cantors in Concert, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each by calling the church office at 905-834-3384.

#### Sunday

Mass to be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Parish youth will be burying a time capsule following church services.

The grand finale Celebration Pig Roast and Barn Dance will be held at Jubilee Acres at 3 p.m. Register ahead.

have a pretty strong church community. Every year we welcome new members with a service and there are always 10 or 15 new members at least."

As for the future, Hurkmans said he hopes the church continues to flourish for another 150 years.

"People die, some move away but babies are always being born and people are moving to Port Colborne. Our parish family is quite diverse and very strong"

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# BBQ BROdown at Boarder Pass



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Chris Smith, co-owner of Boarder Pass Niagara, rides a new rail earlier this year at Sugarloaf Harbour Marina. Smith says the second Liquid Force BBQ BROdown will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28.

DAVE JOHNSON  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Two top wakeskaters will put on demonstrations and help riders learn how to wakeboard and wakeskate at Boarder Pass Niagara during the Liquid Force BBQ BROdown on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Grant Roberts, a pro wakeskater for Liquid Force and Fox, and Braden Lol, Canadian wakeskater of the year in 2012, will be at Boarder Pass at Sugarloaf Harbour Marina from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., said Chris Smith, co-owner of the cable wakepark.

"It's always a successful day, everyone comes out and rides for free, and there's the demonstrations." He hadn't planned the exact time for demons, but said they'd be running every couple of hours throughout the day.



**It's always a successful day, everyone comes out and rides for free, and there's the demonstrations."**

Chris Smith

If things go as planned, Liquid Force representatives will be on hand with the 2014 lineup of gear.

"People will have a first-hand look at the new stuff, be able to touch it and potentially try out the products before anyone else does," he said, adding both Liquid Force and Fox are also sponsors of Boarder Pass.

The BBQ BROdown, which benefits local charities, was started by Boarder

Pass owners Smith and Tim Nixon at their Sarina venue. Smith said Liquid Force picked it up and took it nationwide to cable parks.

Smith said donations raised from this month's event will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara.

A similar event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Boarder Pass's Binbrook location.

"We're asking people to make a donation when they come out. We'll have a barbecue with hotdogs."

A Boarder Pass locations remain open for the season, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 7 p.m. on weekends.

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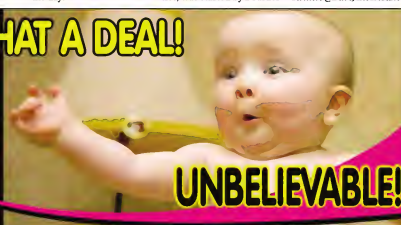
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# Region has new, unnamed CAO

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but we don't yet know who it is.

THOROLD — Niagara Region has a new chief administrative officer,

At a special regional council meeting held last Thursday night, councillors selected the CAO.

However, notification requirements for the successful candidate mean the name may not be released until early next week.

The meeting at Niagara Region headquarters was called to vote on a committee recommendation for the new CAO.

This came after a previous meeting was cancelled last week by Regional Chair Gary Burroughs as key documents arrived too late for councillors to fully prepare themselves.

At the time, Burroughs also said he wanted to give the selection committee's recommended candidate an extra day to accept the offer, conditional on council approval.

At Thursday's fully attended meeting, more than two hours were devoted to in-camera debate on the matter.

"It was a little excited at some times, but not against each other," Burroughs said afterward. "It was a good discussion."

"At least 26 or 27 spoke on the issue," Burroughs said. "I believe it was well worth delaying it a week."

He said there were 79 initial candidates for CAO, and the consultant involved brought that number up to 120.

"It was a good, wide field," St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan said council "came together in I think a very positive



File photo

Gary Burroughs

way."

"It was a healthy debate," McMullan said. "There were questions for both the consultant (involved) and the committee members."

"A decision has been made and we agreed to move forward together."

The CAO position had been vacant for about three months, following the retirement of Mike Trojan.

Burroughs said the start date for the new CAO "is not a detail I can release yet."

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## ■ CYCLING

# GranFondo conquers region

ALISON LANGLEY  
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NIAGARA FALLS — Exhausted and exhilarated at the same time, Robert Marshall pondered one question after cycling for four hours.

Why?

"It seemed like a good idea at the time," joked the 68-year-old Manitoba resident after he completed the inaugural GranFondo Niagara Falls mass cycling event.

"I guess I'm old enough to know better but still young enough to try it."

Marshall has participated in three GranFondo Canada events in the past so it was only logical that he packed up his gear and headed to southern Ontario for Saturday's ride.

"The course was excellent," he said, although he admitted a few of the hills in Pelham were challenging.

Marshall rode with friends Kelly and Peter Garagan, also from Manitoba.

"It was a gorgeous route," said Kelly, who completed the route in just over four hours.

"Now I think we need to get in the car drive the route again to see what we missed the first time."

The trio have participated in three GranFondo Canada events since 2010 and were among an estimated 1,200 cyclists who rode a grueling 125 kilometres through Niagara.

Loosely translated from Italian, granfondo means "big ride" or "great endurance".

There were riders from across North America, and from as far away as the United Kingdom and Japan.

The ride began and ended at Queen Victoria Park.

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## ■ CYCLING

# Participants were happy with event

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GranFondo Niagara Falls event director Dean Hachey said Saturday he had heard nothing but praise and support from participants.

"It has been just tremendous today," he said. "I have countless happy people here."

The ride started shortly before 7 a.m. and the route took riders through Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Thorold and then back to Niagara Falls.

There was a dedicated traffic-free lane for the entire course, allowing participants to ride at their own pace.

"The route, especially without any cars, was just spectacular," Hachey said, adding he's already looking at bringing the event back to Niagara next year.

There were no incidents along the route involving local cyclists or motorists.

"From a policing perspec-

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**It has been just tremendous today. I have countless happy people here.”**

*Dean Hachey  
event director*

tive, the priority that guided our planning and ultimately our response to the GranFondo event remained participant and public safety," said Insp. George Bench of Niagara Regional Police.

In partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police, the Niagara Parks Police and with additional support from the Toronto Police Service we were able to meet our goal."

Marshall said he'd definitely

return if Niagara Falls hosts an event next year.

Food and beverage tents were set up at Queen Victoria Park for the cyclists and the general public and there was also a free concert by Juno-Award winning artists Jim Cuddy, of Blue Rodeo, and Barney Bessell.

Both musicians are avid cyclists and completed the ride before jumping on stage.

"They've been at our other GranFondo events and they were eager to come out and support us again," Hachey said.

Jan Anderson checked out the festivities even though she arrived in Niagara by tour bus and not by bicycle.

"I love to ride," the Denmark native said. "I only wish we had known (about the ride). Then we would (have) brought our bikes."

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Each year an average of 25,000 people are hospitalized, and between 2,000 and 6,000 Canadians can die of influenza and its complications. Those most likely to suffer complications of the flu are the most vulnerable: children under two and adults over 65. The seasonal influenza vaccine is safe and effective and can benefit people of all ages. The flu shot only provides protection for 12 to 16 months; immunization is required each year. The worst flu shot protects against the H1N1 flu virus as well as two other strains of flu. October to mid-November is the best time for immunization, but the vaccine may still be given in winter months.

Who should get immunized? The following is a list from the recommended guidelines.

People at high risk of influenza-related complications, including:

- Adults and children with chronic conditions such as:
  - Cardiac or lung disorders such as asthma
  - Diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
  - Cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression
  - Renal disease
  - Asepsia
- Children and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with aspirin
- All residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities
- Seniors aged 65 years or older
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months to 23 months of age
- Persons who are mortally obese
- Aboriginal peoples

People capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk of complications, including:

- Health care and other care providers
- Household contacts of those at high risk and to infants less than six months
- Members of a household expecting a newborn during flu season
- Women at all stages of pregnancy or breastfeeding mothers
- Those providing regular care to children 0-23 months
- Those who provide services within closed settings to persons at high risk

### Others

- People who provide essential community services
  - People in direct contact with adult influenza infected poultry
  - Healthy people aged 5-64 years should consider getting the vaccine even if they are not in one of the above groups.
- The list of those who should receive the vaccine is extensive. If you have had an anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine or one of its components you should not get the vaccine. Or, if you have an allergy to eggs you should discuss getting the vaccine with your health care practitioner. However, it has been shown that egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated using the TIV vaccine.

Children 6 months to less than 9 years who have never received the seasonal flu vaccine require two doses, with a minimum of four weeks between doses.

Please remember that the flu shot cannot cause the flu. If you have become sick after getting the shot in the past it was a coincidental infection of some other kind. The main risks are pain and redness at the site of injection for a day or two afterwards.

The flu shot is effective. Scientific studies show the effectiveness of the flu shot to range from 70% to 90%.

Adults over 65 should also look into getting the pneumococcal vaccine. Pneumococcal disease, a common complication of influenza, is a bacterial disease that can cause meningitis, bacteraemia (in bloodstream infection) and pneumonia. You can get this vaccine at the same time as the flu shot through your doctor.

To make you must get your flu shot through your doctor or the flu shot clinics in the area. All those going in the near future flu vaccine may become available to be given by your pharmacist who will be trained to give injections.

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Niagara Regional Police say a group of friends had

been driving an old vehicle through a farmer's field on Bowen Rd. when the vehicle became stuck in the mud.

Two males left on foot to get assistance, police said, while a third male remained with the car.

Another friend, who was a nearby home, was

alerted to the sound of the revving engine, located the stuck car and successfully pulled it from the mud with a truck. The mud-covered car then sped off down Bowen road and struck one the males who had been walking to get help. The injured male

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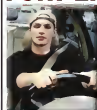
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## ■ NIAGARA WINE FESTIVAL

# Volunteers anchor Canada's largest wine festival

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ST. CATHARINES — In his 14 years, Jared Marino has gone from the stroller to a strolling Mr. Grape.

All of it, in service as a stalwart Niagara Wine Festival volunteer.

Jared, of Niagara Falls, is among 1,000 volunteers who are the lifeblood of a 62nd annual Niagara Wine Festival that kicks off this weekend

and runs to Sept. 29.

The teen started off as a baby sidekick to mom Dee Marino, who was a festival volunteer coordinator.

By Grade 7, Jared was a volunteer trash collector, with this assignment progressing to parade work.

"This year, I'm Mr. Grape in the Pied Piper Parade. It'll be a lot of fun," said Jared, who joins his sister Madison as a volunteer.

"I'm not really preparing

for Mr. Grape, I'm just going to (entertain) the little kids, give out the awards and have a smile on my face."

Festival executive director Kimberly Hundertmark said the volunteers are crucial to operate Montebello Park in a "safe and consistent, sustainable manner."

They do everything from basic setup and take-down to service and hospitality.

"It also helps to develop skill sets for people who

may be returning to work. And often students are using it as a way to develop their skills and education and for networking."

As an extra to recognize volunteers, a special program with Meridian Credit Union will be introduced this year.

Festival volunteers aged 21 or younger will be eligible for a bursary award that provides \$500 to the Registered Education Savings Plan recipient.

The festival begins with the Discovery Pass, allowing weekend access to wine samplings and culinary treats at Niagara wineries.

Major events and entertainment take place at Montebello Park in St. Catharines. Takers are available for wine and food portions.

Real Canadian Superstore and Community Care are collaborating in a harvest drive, accepting donations of fresh produce at the park Sept. 21

and 22.

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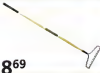










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